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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

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1. UNFICYP WILL FILE WITH SYG FORMAL REPORT ON FOLLOWING FORWARD MOVEMENTS, WHICH IT REGARDS AS CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, AFTERNOON NOV 12:

TURK - (A) 400 METERS WEST TO WD 376931

- (B) 400 METERS WEST TO WD 375915
- (C) 300 METERS WEST TO WD 408872
- (D) 500 METERS SOUTH TO WD 857816
- (E) 200 METERS SOUTH TO WD 236922
- (F) UNKNOWN TO WD 017908

GREEK CYPRIOT - (A) 300 METERS NORTH TO VD 976855

ACCORDING UNFICYP COS, MOVEMENTS TOOK PLACE OVER PAST TWO WEEKS. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. COORDINATES LISTED ABOVE STRIKE US, AND BRITISH, AS SOME-WHAT STRANGE. RE ALLEGED TURK FORWARD MOVEMENTS, ONLY (D) CLEARLY OUTSIDE TRACE OF TURKISH POSITIONS MAINTAINED BY DATT. UK HICOM DEFENSE ADVISOR THINKS (A), (B) AND (C) MARGINALLY FORWARD PREVIOUS TURKISH POSITIONS, BUT THINKS (D) WELL INSIDE ORIGINAL DEFENSIVE LINES. REMAINDER ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, GREEK AND TURK, ACCORDING US AND UK TRACES, DO NOT APPEAR TO TRANSGRESS EXISTING CEASEFIRE LINE.
- 3. TURKISH MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER ADMITS TO TURKS HAVING ESTABLISHED ONLY ONE NEW POSITION (A). HOWEVER, TURKS MAINTAIN THIS SET UP IN RESPONSE TO GREEK CYPRIOT OCCUPATION GOC GRAIN STORES LOCATED OPPOSITE. UNFICYP UNCLEAR IF OR WHEN GREEKS MOVEDUNTO THIS LOCATION BUT CONSIDER IT WITHIN GREEK HELD TERRITORY.
- 4. EMBOFF'S BRIEF RECONNAISSANCE ALLEGED VIOLATION (C) ON NOV 11, (REFTEL) INDICATED NUMBER TURKISH TROOPS IN VICINITY LARNACA ROAY HAS, IF ANYTHING, DECREASED SINCE AUGUST CEASEFIRE. ALSO, IN CONTRAST TO THREE MONTHS AGO, NO TANKS NOW IN EVIDENCE.
- 5. IN SUM, EMBASSY SCEPTICAL THAT ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, IF THEY ARE INDEED TECHNICALLY SUCH, HAVE MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE IN EITHER DIRECTION. IT POSSIBLE THERE SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT, BUT IT MORE LIKELY ENTRENCHMENTS ARE RESULT OF APPROACHING WINTER RAINS. DISCREPANCIES IN TRACES OF FORWARD POSITIONS LARGELY ACCOUNTED FOR BY FACT THAT CEASEFIRE "LINE" IS MORE ACCURATELY SPONGY ZONE IN WHICH UNFICYP ONLY RECENTLY HAS BEGUN CONDUCT REGUALR PATROLS. WE ANTICIPATE DISPUTE OVER POSSIBLE CHANGES IN STATUS QUO OUTLINED PARA 1 WILL BE IRONED OUT LOCALLY. CRAWFORD

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